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Subject: EPA OIG Air Toxics RTR/Congressional Request Audit -- Request for Information by August 12th

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## Wren and David,

As you are aware, EPA-OIG is currently conducting an audit of the agency's air toxics Risk and Technology Review (RTR) process and that we have expanded our scope to address recent Congressional requests related to ethylene oxide emissions and risk communication. We understand that the following facilities in Region 6 contribute to elevated cancer risks based on modeling conducted by the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) to develop the 2014 NATA:

- BCP Ingredients Inc. (St. Gabriel, LA)
- Union Carbide Corp. St. Charles Operations (Taft, LA)
- Huntsman Port Neches Plant (Port Neches, TX)
- Eastman Chemical Texas Operations (Longview, TX)
- Taminco US Inc. (St. Gabriel, LA)
- Sasol Chemicals (USA) LLC Lake Charles Chemical Complex (Westlake, LA)
- Air Products Performance Manufacturing Inc. Reserve Plant (Evonik Materials Corp. (Reserve, LA)
- Shell Technology Center Houston (Houston, TX)
- Midwest Sterilization Corp. (Laredo, TX)
- Sterigenics (Santa Teresa, NM)

As part of our audit, please provide the following by COB August 12, 2019:

- Any communications plan drafted or finalized as of August 2, 2019 to communicate to the public in Region 6 about elevated cancer risks they may be experiencing from ethylene oxide emissions, and
- A response to the following questions:
  - Since the release of the 2014 NATA to the public on August 22, 2018, what outreach (e.g., public meetings, webinars, etc.) has Region 6 conducted to inform residents about the elevated cancer risks they may be experiencing as a result of ethylene oxide emissions from the above ten facilities? If so, please provide the:
    - type of outreach (e.g., public meetings, webinars, etc.) conducted for these residents,
    - date of each outreach,
    - location of each outreach if applicable, and
    - outreach documentation (e.g., sign-in sheets, meeting agenda, briefing materials, etc.).
  - Since the release of the 2014 NATA to the public on August 22, 2018, what outreach (e.g., face-to-face meeting, conference call, etc.) has Region 6 conducted to inform elected officials about the elevated cancer risk their constituents may be experiencing as a result of ethylene oxide emissions from the above ten facilities? If so, please provide the:
    - type of outreach (e.g., face-to-face meeting, conference call, etc.) conducted for these elected officials,
    - date of each outreach,
    - location of each outreach if applicable, and
    - outreach documentation (e.g., sign-in sheets, meeting agenda, briefing materials, etc.).

If there are additional facilities contributing to elevated cancer risks that Region 6 has independently modeled or modeled with assistance from OAQPS, please also provide the name and location of the facilities and information on any outreach (i.e., type of outreach, date of each outreach, location of outreach if applicable, and outreach documentation) conducted by Region 6 for residents and elected officials by COB August 12, 2019.

Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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